



CAISTOR RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

BRIEF ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1945 BY

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TOGETHER WITH STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR,
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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

To the Chairman and Members of the
CAISTOR RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1945.

No major change took place in the housing situation and no Council Houses were erected during the year.

Notifiable diseases show decreased notifications for Scarlet Fever, but a marked increase in Measles and Whooping Cough. From the returns it would seem that both Measles and Whooping Cough were largely contracted at school, as a majority of children contracted these diseases after the age of 5 years.

Four cases of Diphtheria were notified and the diagnosis confirmed, one had been immunised and three had not. 202 children were immunised, bringing the total of children so protected up to 2,619. Returns from 25 schools in the District showed that 86% of the 926 children included had been immunised.

The General Health of the Rural District has remained fairly satisfactory. In my capacity as School Medical Officer, I can report that the years of war have not affected the health of children adversely. In fact in some respects the children's nutrition and general physical condition has improved.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

R.J.R. MECREDY,

Medical Officer of Health.

THE CAISTOR DISTRICT consists of 40 Parishes and covers an area of 119,992 acres. It is entirely agricultural.

Population 1921 Census 12,670

Population 1931 Census 12,648

The rateable value of the District on the 1st April, 1945, was £28,952 and the product of the penny rate £165 2/1d for the year ending 31st March, 1946.

EXTRACT FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR, 1945.

Birth Rate: per 1,000 estimated resident population mid 1945.....	17.028
Rate: per 1,000 total (Live and Still) births....	17.612
Death Rate: per 1,000 estimated average population....	11.018

DEATHS FROM PUERPERAL CAUSES.

Puerperal Sepsis, 0	
Other Puerperal Causes, 0	
 Total. 0	

DEATH RATE OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE.

All infants per 1,000 live births.....	58.825
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate births.....	65.573
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate births.....	----

Deaths from Cancer (all ages).....	17
Deaths from Measles (all ages).....	--
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages).....	1
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age).....	--

Laboratory Facilities.

Examinations are carried out at the Emergency Public Health Laboratory, County Council Offices, Lincoln.

Diphtheria Anti-toxin, Anti-typhoid Serum, and Scarlet Fever Streptococcus Anti-toxin are supplied by the District Council.

Ambulance Facilities.

- (a) For Infectious Cases. A motor ambulance is provided by the North East Lindsey Joint Hospital Board.
- (b) For Non-Infectious and Accidental Cases. An agreement has been made with the Corporation of Grimsby for the removal of patients, subject to certain conditions. This agreement has proved very satisfactory.

SUMMARY (for reference) OF NURSING ARRANGEMENTS, HOSPITALS, AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS AVAILABLE FOR THE DISTRICT.

Nursing in the Home.

As in previous reports.

Clinics and Treatment Centres.

As in previous reports.

Hospitals - Isolation.

The North East Lindsey Joint Hospital Board isolates the whole of the Infectious Diseases for the District.

Midwifery and Maternity Services.

Administered by the Lindsey County Council.

Health Visitors.

The duties of the above are performed through the Lindsey County Council.

Infant Life Protection.

The duties of the above are performed through the Lindsey County Council.

Arrangements for Dental, Orthopaedic, etc., cases by the Lindsey County Council.

Registration of Nursing Homes by the Lindsey County Council.

T U B E R C U L O S I S.

	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
10	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
25	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
45	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and upward.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals.	6	1	2	3	-	-	1	-

ADMISSIONS TO HOSPITALS.

59 Cases were admitted to the Hospital during the year.

X	Diphtheria	7	Pneumonia	-
	Scarlet Fever.	31	Measles.	1
	Typhoid Fever.	-	Puerperal Pyrexia.	-
	Erysipelas.	-		

☒ 3 Diphtheria re-diagnosed as Tonsillitis.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

CAUSES OF DEATH IN CAICTOR RURAL DISTRICT, 1945.

(CIVILIANS ONLY).

Causes of Death.

Male. Female.

	All causes.	75	57
1. Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers.	-	-	-
2. Cerbo Spinal Fever.	-	-	-
3. Scarlet Fever.	-	-	-
4. Whooping Cough.	-	1	-
5. Diphtheria.	-	-	-
6. Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System.	-	-	-
7. Other forms of Tuberculosis.	1	-	-
8. Syphilitic.	-	-	-
9. Influenza.	1	2	-
10. Measles.	-	-	-
11. Ac. Polio-Myelitis and Polienccephalitis.	1	-	-
12. Ac. Inf. Encephalitis.	-	-	-
13. Cancer of Buc. Cav. and Oesoph Uterus.	1	-	-
14. Cancer of Stomach, Duodenum.	2	-	-
15. Cancer of Breast.	-	3	-
16. Cancer of all other sites.	6	5	-
17. Diabetes.	-	-	-
18. Inter-Cranial Vascular Lesions.	5	6	-
19. Heart Disease.	25	14	-
20. Other Diseases of Circulatory System.	2	1	-
21. Bronchitis.	6	3	-
22. Pneumonia.	2	3	-
23. Other Respiratory Diseases.	1	-	-
24. Ulcer of Stomach, Duodenum.	-	1	-
25. Diarrhoea, under two years.	-	-	-
26. Appendicitis.	-	-	-
27. Other Digestive Diseases.	2	2	-
28. Nephritis.	2	2	-
29. Puerperal and Post. Abort. Sepsis.	-	-	-
30. Other Maternal Causes.	-	0	-
31. Premature Birth.	1	2	-
32. Con. Mal. Birth Inj. Infant Disease.	5	3	-
33. Suicide.	-	-	-
34. Road Traffic Accidents.	1	-	-
35. Other Violent Causes.	1	2	-
36. All other Causes.	14	7	-

PARTICULARS OF INSPECTIONS DURING THE YEAR.

<u>Infectious Diseases.</u>	<u>1945.</u>
Investigations.	40
Revisits.	1
Visits re contacts.	1
<u>Verminous Premises.</u>	
Inspected.	3
Re-inspections.	1
<u>Housing (Public Health Acts.)</u>	
Houses inspected.	41
Houses re-inspected.	71
<u>Housing Acts.</u>	
Houses inspected.	46
Houses re-inspected.	83
<u>Inspections re overcrowding.</u>	1
<u>Inspections in relation to Food.</u>	
Bakehouses.	5
Cowsheds.	33
Fishmongers.	1
Fried Fish Shops.	2
Grocers Shops.	1
Meat Shops.	2
Restaurants.	1
<u>General Sanitation.</u>	
Accumulations.	8
Ashbins.	154
Refuse Collection.	20
Common Lodging Houses.	4
Conveniences.	1
Dirty Houses.	3
Dirty Persons.	1
Drainage.	216
Drain Tests.	205
Places of Entertainment.	2
Rats & Mice.	6
Schools.	3
Smoke Observations.	1
Water Supply.	10
Water Samples.	5
Yard Pavings.	5
<u>Total.</u>	<u>971</u>

FOOD INSPECTION.

Various foods examined and condemned as unfit for human consumption include:- Home killed meat, 30 lbs; Tinned Milk, 30 2 pt. tins.

In accordance with the policy of the Ministry of Food the above has been forwarded to treatment centres for use other than for human consumption, in every case where it was practicable to do so.

